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SUMMARY: SUDANESE PRESIDENT NIMEIRI'S TRAVELS THROUGH SOUTHERN RED
SEA STATES COULD PRESENT GSDR WITH IMPORTANT FOREIGN POLLCY
CHOICES. END SUMMARY.

1. SUDANESE PRESIDENT NIMEIRI, CURRENTLY REPORTED BE IN OMAN, IS
SCHEDULED ARRIVE MOGADISCIO LATE AFTERNOON MARCH 17. (ARRIVAL DATE
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PROVIDED BY SUDANESE DIPLOMATIC SOURCES AND OFFICIAL MEDIA; WE CANNOT
EXPLAIN DISCREPANCY WITH REFTEL (C.) ACCORDING SUDANESE SOURCES,
NIMEIRI IS COMING HERE TO URGE SOMALI PRESIDENT MOHAMED SIAD BARRE
TO ATTEND QUADRIPARTITE SUMMIT MEETING (REFTELS A. AND B.) NEXT
SEEK AT TAIZ. AFTER MOGADISCIO, HE REPORTEDLY PLANS VISIT ADEN TO
ISSURE PDRY PRESIDENT SALIM RUBAY'I ALI'S ATTENDANCE AT
SUMMIT. NIMEIRI REPORTEDLY CONCEIVES TAIZ MEETING AS FOLLOW-UP

TO RECENT KHARTOUM SUMMIT OF SUDANESE, EGYPTIAN AND SYRIAN LEADERS
AND AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF LONG-TERM DIPLOMATIC CAMPAIGN TO
ELIMINATE FOREIGN, I.E., ISRAELI, ETHIOPIAN, SOVIET, INFLUENCE
FROM RED SEA AND TURN LATTER INTO "ARAB LAKE".

2. COMMENT: NIMEIRI'S RED SEA SECURITY OFFENSIVE PUTS SIAD ON
SPOT. TO STAY AWAY FROM TAIZ WOULD MEAN TURNING HIS BACK ON
PERCEIVED ARAB INTERESTS IN RED SEA, AND THUS JEOPARDIZE ARAB
ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE HE BADLY NEEDS. TO GO WOULD BE CLEAR WARNING
TO SOVIETS THAT GSDR DISAPPROVES OF GROWING SOVIET SUPPORT FOR
ETHIOPIAN PROVISIONAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT AND THAT IT IS NOT
WITHOUT ALTERNATIVE FRIENDS, IF NEED BE. SIAD'S DECISION TO
GO OR NOT TO GO COULD SIGNAL DIRECTION HE INTENDS PROCEED OVER
NEAR TERM.
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